



BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVES FY 2018 BUDGET REQUEST

Board Action. At its September 8, 2016, meeting, the Board of Regents approved a request for state funding for FY 2018 to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly. The FY 2018 request represents an increase of \$12.5 million (1.9%) compared to estimated FY 2017.

General University Funding. The request includes increases in general aid for all three universities as follows:

- University of Iowa (UI) – \$4.6 million (2.0%)
- Iowa State University (ISU) – \$3.7 million (2.0%)
- University of Northern Iowa (UNI) – \$4.4 million (4.6%)

Special Schools. The request includes an increase in funding for the special schools totaling \$796,000 (5.7%), including a 4.0% increase for the Iowa School for the Deaf and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School, as well as a new appropriation of \$245,000 for the regional academy in Charles City.

Special Purpose Appropriations. With one exception, the request includes a 2.0% increase for each of the special purpose appropriations for the three universities. The exception is a 9.6% increase for the Math and Science Collaborative at UNI that is part of the Governor's STEM Advisory Council. The requested increase for special purpose appropriations totals \$2.0 million (3.0%).

Board of Regents Office. The request includes an increase in funding for the Board of Regents Office of \$322,000 (40.5%) to restore the \$300,000 reduction in funding in FY 2016, plus a 2.0% increase. The Board also approved requested increases of 2.0% for the regional study centers and Iowa Public Radio.

Other Appropriations. The request includes changes in appropriations from the following subcommittees:

- Economic Development Appropriations – an increase of \$676,000 (7.7%). This includes a 2.0% increase to existing appropriations and a new request for \$500,000 for an entrepreneurship program at UNI.
- Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations – an increase of \$107,000 (2.0%).
- Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations – a decrease of \$4.2 million (-12.9%) for Tuition Replacement.

More Information. The details of the FY 2018 budget request are available on the Board's website: http://www.iowaregents.edu/media/cms/0916_ITEM07_C14204A9D332F.pdf

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